

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please amend Fig. 1b as shown in red in the attached drawing.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 3 and 10 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 8 as follows:

1. (Twice - Amended) A high intensity discharge lamp assembly, comprising:
- a) a high intensity discharge lamp comprising a hermetically sealed glass envelope containing a mixture of ionizable elements and/or compounds;
  - b) a sealed ballast container mounted adjacent to said glass envelope;
  - c) an electronic ballast contained in said container, said ballast having an input and an output;
  - d) an anode disposed in said envelope and electrically coupled to one pole of said ballast output;
  - e) a cathode disposed in said envelope and electrically coupled to another pole of said ballast output; and
  - f) coupling means for coupling said input of said ballast to a DC power source;
  - g) heat sink means for dissipating heat from said ballast; and
  - h) a waterproof protective container covering said envelope and said ballast container, said waterproof protective container having a transparent window.

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2. (Twice - Amended) A lamp assembly according to claim 1, further comprising:

i) a waterproof protective container covering said envelope, said waterproof protective container having a transparent window.

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1. ~~8.~~ (Twice - Amended) An underwater lighting system comprising:

a) a high intensity discharge lamp comprising a hermetically sealed glass envelope containing a mixture of ionizable elements and/or compounds;

b) a sealed ballast container mounted adjacent to said glass envelope;

c) an electronic ballast contained in said container, said ballast having an input and an output;

d) an anode disposed in said envelope and electrically coupled to one pole of said ballast output;

e) a cathode disposed in said envelope and electrically coupled to another pole of said ballast output;

f) coupling means for coupling said input of said ballast to a DC power source;

g) heat sink means for dissipating heat from said ballast; and

h) a waterproof protective container covering said envelope and said ballast container, said waterproof protective container having a transparent window.

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Please add the following new claim:

*B* ¶. 16. (New) An underwater lighting system according to claim *7*, further comprising:

i) a battery pack wherein said coupling means comprises a cable coupling said input of said ballast to said power output of said battery pack.